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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER), AS
SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

1. HEAD OF USA SECTION (ED RIDE) AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE CALLED EMBASSY THIS MORNING ON A FISHING EXPEDITION RE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS DURING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE IS RECOMMENDING THAT SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE GLOBAL POLICY MATTERS NOT REPT NOT BE RAISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN SIDE. RIDE MENTIONED TRANS-PACIFIC AIR RIGHTS (CONTINENTAL AIRLINES), URANIUM ANTI-TRUST INVESTIGATION, KANGAROO HIDES, WHALE OIL, AND DILLINGHAM, AS EXAMPLES.

3. FOREIGN OFFICE HOPES, RATHER, THAT DISCUSSIONS WHITH THE VICE PRESIDENT CAN CENTER AROUND MORE IMPORTANT "GLOBAL" ISSUES, SUCH AS THE U.S. ROLE IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, THE EVOLVING U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES, HUMAN RIGHTS, SALT, THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFIRCA, ASEAN, ENERGY POLICY, ETC. THE GOA VIEWS THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGING VIEWS AT THE HIGHEST AUTHORITATIVE LEVEL, NOT AS A FORUM FOR THRASHING AROUND SOME OF THE GRITTIER MATTERS BETWEEN OUR TWO
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COUNTRIES.

4. RIDE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS MINISTERS WOULD BE BRIEFED ON LESSER TOPICS, SHOULD THEY ARISE, BUT -- WITHOUT QUITE SAYING SO -- CLEARLY HOPED WE MIGHT SHARE GOA'S VIEW ABOUT THE NATURE OF ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. WE SAID WE WOULD PROMPTLY REPORT GOA'S

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